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In re Patent No. 7,220,724	:	OFFICE OF PETITIONS
Issued: May 22, 2007	:	LETTER REGARDING PTA AND
Application No. 10/712,584	:	CERTIFICATE OF CORRECTION
Filed: November 12, 2003	:	
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This letter is in response to the "COMMUNICATION REGARDING PATENT TERM ADJUSTMENT," filed July 30, 2007. The Office thanks patentees for their good faith and candor in bringing this to our attention.

The above-identified application matured into U.S. Patent No. 7,220,724 on May 22, 2007. The patent issued with a patent term adjustment (PTA) of 116 days. Patentees indicate that the adjustment of 116 days accorded the patent is incorrect and that the correct adjustment is 113 days. Patentees, however, have provided no further detail concerning the error in the adjustment.

The calculation of adjustment has been carefully reviewed. The adjustment for Office delays totaling 332 days is deemed accurate. The reductions totaling 216 days accorded at the time of issuance are also deemed accurate.

Accordingly, at the time of issuance, the patent was entitled to an adjustment of 116 days (adjustments totaling 332 days less reductions totaling 216 days), as indicated on the Letters Patent.

As applicants are advising us of a potential error in providing too much patent term adjustment in this application, no fee is due in connection to this matter.

If patentees remain of the belief that there is an error in the calculation of adjustment, patentees should within TWO MONTHS of the mail date of the instant letter respond by specifically setting forth patentees' own calculation of adjustment for the instant patent.

Telephone inquiries specific to this matter should be directed to Petitions Attorney Alesia M. Brown at (571) 272-3205.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Kery Fries". The signature is stylized with a large, sweeping "K" and a cursive "Fries".

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